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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT JAGDEO BHARRAT CONGRATULATORY LETTER TO
PRESIDENT OBAMA

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¶1. The President Jagdeo Bharrat, sent the following
congratulatory message to President Obama, a copy of which
was sent to post and dated January 21. The original letter
was sent to the White House.

Text begins:

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of
Guyana, and on my own behalf, I am pleased to extend
heartfelt congratulations to you on the occasion of your
historic inauguration as the 44th president of the United
States of America.

During your term of office as President of the United States
of America, please be assured that my Government is committed
to working with you to build on the programme of cooperation
between our two countries; as well as collaboration at the
regional and hemispheric levels with a view to tackling
critical issues affecting our region.

I look forward to the opportunity of engaging in dialogue
with you at the upcoming Summit of the Americas in Trinidad
and Tobago in April of this year. I firmly believe that the
Summit will present an important forum at which the leaders
of our hemisphere could seek to find workable solutions to
pertinent issues such as security, narco-trafficking, energy
security and climate change. These are issues among others,
that continue to have a profound effect on both our countries.

Please accept, Mr. President, my best wishes for a successful
term of office and for your continued good health and well
being.

Bharrat Jagdeo
President of the Republic of Guyana
HE MR. Barack Hussein Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC
USA

Text ends

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